Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Subsequent to the receipt of this question, has any inquiry been made ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No inquiry has been made yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I think Government will please inquire into the matter.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Refund of fine—Managing Director of the Cochin Orchards Company.

349. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—(a) whether Mr. Barton Wright, the Managing Director of the Cochin Orchards Company Ltd. applied to the Trichur Municipal Council in 1106 or thereabouts for the refund of the fine imposed on him by the Ex-Chairman; if so, will a copy of the letter be placed on the Council Table;

(b) what is the report of the Commission appointed by the present Municipal Council to enquire into the matter ;

(c) what are the orders of the Council in this matter?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) Yes; a copy is placed on the table (*Appendix V.*)

(b) The Committee has not finally reported on the question.

(c) The Council has passed no final orders as the final report of the Committee has not been received.

Panchayat Registrar and tenders for road construction.

350. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether all the roads for the construction of which tenders were called in the Talappalli Taluk had been finally aligned before advertising for tenders ;

(2) if the alignments were not finally settled, what purpose could the calling for tenders serve ?

(3) whether the lump allotment of Rs. 20,000 for the Panchayat Department in the budget of 1107 been utilised till the end of Thulam 1107 ;

(4) if so, how much and the reason for not utilising the remainder ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(1) Yes.

(2) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (1) above.

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(3) and (4). Of the lump allotment, a sum of Rs. 14,601 was distributed for works taken up in 1106, but not completed. The balance is reserved for unforeseen expenses and emergent works. The amount was not utilised till Thulam, because the distribution statement was received from the Registrar only in Thulam.

Regarding the Chalakkal chira in Survey No. 441 of Vadakkancheri Village, Talappalli Taluk.

351. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has received a petition, dated 16th December 1930, from the inhabitants of Chittanda, Kanjirakkode and Vadakkancheri villages concerning the bad state of the Chalakkal chira and the need for immediate repair ;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, how has the Government disposed of that petition ;

(c) has the Government noticed the peculiar rocky basement at the place suited to the putting up of a permanent bund there ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

(b) The work will be investigated by the new Irrigation Assistant Engineer.

(c) Yes.

Contractor—Repairs of the Padinjarae chira.

352. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a suit notice was issued to the Trichur Municipality on behalf of the contractor for the repairs of Padinjarae chira ;

(b) if so, will a copy of the same be placed on the Council Table ;

(c) who were the members of the Council appointed to report on the matter and what are the reports made by them ;

(d) was a suit filed by the contractor ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.— (a) Yes.

(b) A copy is is placed on the table. (*Appendix VI*).

(c) The Chairman, the Engineering Member, and Councillors Messrs. C. A. Kunjunni Raja and P. Rama Ayyar. The Municipality is trying to settle the matter amicably with the contractor. The Committee's report cannot be published at this stage.

(d) No.

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